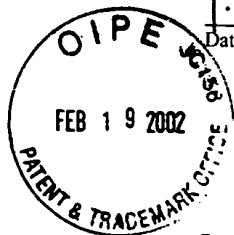


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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTION
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

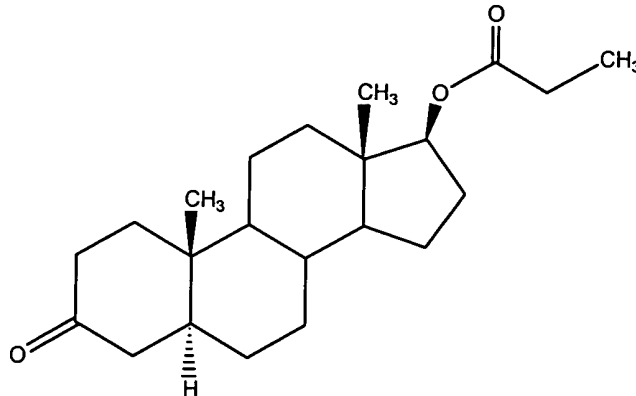
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Sir:

This is in response to a first communication from the PTO concerning the patent application identified above. As the one-month shortened statutory period for reply expired on Saturday, January 5, 2002, this response is timely filed today, on Monday, January 7, 2002.

In the communication under reply, the Examiner has required restriction between six groups of claims: (I) claims 1-45 and 50; (II) claim 46; (III) claim 47; (IV) claim 48; (V) claim 49; and (VI) claims 51-54. In response, applicants elect the claims of Group (I). Election is made without traverse.

The Examiner has also asked applicants to elect a species with respect to the active agent(s) administered. In response, applicants elect dihydrotestosterone (DHT) propionate. Note that for purposes of the Examiner's search, the compound is also referred to as 4-dihydrotestosterone propionate, 5 α -dihydrotestosterone propionate (i.e., the 4,5-double bond of the testosterone structure is not present in DHT), and stanolone. The chemical structure of DHT propionate is as follows:



The claims of Group (I) that read on the elected species are 1-12, 16-18, and 20-45.

Should the Examiner require an additional election with respect to the optional secondary agents (claim 25), applicants would elect prostaglandin E₀ (PGE₀). The claims that read on administration of a combination of DHT propionate and PGE₀ are 1-12, 16-18, 20-36, 38, and 39.

Please note that this election of species is for the sole purpose of the Examiner's initial search and examination, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, all non-elected species encompassed by that claim will then be examined.

If the Examiner would like to discuss the application, or has any questions concerning this communication, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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